

ESTIMATES WORK INJURY TO THE SUBURBS

Need of Sewer Facilities Will Check Development

SOME PERTINENT VIEWS

Suggestion as to Alteration of the East Front of Capitol.

In the general process of pruning which will be applied to the District appropriation bill by the committee of the Senate and House, as now fore-shadowed, the knife will be used vigorously on the estimates for the extension of sewers in the suburban sections.

Without being advised as to whether these cuts will be general in their nature, or will affect special localities, it may be said that a radical adherence to this purpose will be most unfortunate for the upbuilding of the suburbs.

No one subject has been more consistently and persistently agitated by the several suburban citizens' associations than this of the extension of sewer and water facilities. It has been emphasized in reports and resolutions innumerable to the District authorities and to the committees of Congress.

It has been represented—and justly so—that water and sewers are elementary necessities without which there can be no systematic improvement of any given locality.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in preparing large tracts of suburban land for settlement, but, of course, all this expense of time and money will have been in vain if Congress fails to authorize those elementary conveniences without which no sane man would nowadays undertake to build in any section, no matter how attractive otherwise.

Ignoring the Suburbanites. One of the most enterprising and yet conservative promoters of suburban development, a man who himself owns considerable of this kind of property and who has used his means generously to exploit it, expressed himself on the threatened cutting process, with the understanding that his identity should not be disclosed, for the reason that he will in all probability be called upon to give his views before one or the other of the committees that will have the matter in hand.

"I regret exceedingly," said he yesterday, "that there appears to be a disposition to ignore again the perfectly justifiable demands of people who own property in the suburbs and who would like to develop it in order to meet the constantly increasing demand for suburban residences. While I appreciate the force of the contention that full account ought to be taken of the city's needs in the matter of sewer extension, yet I do not think that because of this fact the reasonable needs of the suburbs should be ruthlessly ignored."

"I think Congress should take into due consideration the well-known fact that within the last ten years millions of dollars have been invested in the purchase and development of land lying outside of the city limits proper, and that the men who bought this land have a right to expect from the Legislature that such primal necessities as water and sewers will not be withheld from them."

City Congestion Relieved.

"The suggestion that the suburbs must wait until all the needs of the city in this respect have been supplied is utterly untenable. I have never known it to be advanced in the case of any other great city and it certainly is malapropos in the case of the Capital City of the United States."

"If there is a speculative element in this question of suburban development—and I do not deny that there is—there is involved in it at the same time a clearly recognizable civic and philanthropic motive. By the upbuilding of the suburbs we relieve the congestion of the city and bring all civic reformers are crying out, and making a merely utilitarian purpose an esthetic end also is attained."

East Front of the Capitol.

The president of the American Institute of Architects, W. S. Eames, says the "American Architect" has made a suggestion with reference to the proposed alteration of the east front of the Capitol at Washington which has distinct merit. Noting that much stress was laid on the fact that the Elliott Wood-Cannon scheme had been presented in the shape of a model and that the committee's architects, Messrs. Carrere & Hastings, would exhibit their scheme in the shape of a

QUEEN AMELIE WARNS AGAINST TIGHT LACING

Exhibits Model to Court by X-Ray—Physician Defends the Corset as Cure for Appendicitis.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Queen Amelie, now with the King of Portugal visiting their English majesties, is one of those wise and gifted women who uses her exalted rank and influence to put down the follies of fashion.

She once astonished the ladies of her court by giving a practical exposure of the evils of tight lacing. It took the form of the application of the x-rays to a living victim, showing how the ribs had been crushed in and the space which generous Nature allots to the vital organs had been contracted by the baneful custom. The ladies after that

model, Mr. Eames argues that even a model is not always convincing and to be relied on implicitly. Its advantages are many and obvious, and when considered only by men trained to disregard its false witnessing, it may be used with safety and to great advantage. But when used to influence the untrained, it may be just as mischievously misleading as the "highly-colored foreground of irrelevant carriages, trolleys, and automobiles, and its background of decorative cloud effects and fictitious distance."

Defect of Model. The signal defect of the model is that, owing to its absolute size, the eye takes in at the same glance parts of the building which can never be seen in the building itself at one and the same time after erection. This inevitably introduces cross or conflicting effects, which must have an unfortunate influence on the untrained observer or jurymen. For this reason the model is really not so safe a guide as the architect's orthographic and perspective drawings, since many people are familiar with architects' drawings and know how to discount them, while everyone is familiar with architectural drawings in the illustrated papers and magazines, and through familiarity with the actual buildings has learned how to apply the needed corrections.

Building Situation. The "Construction News" takes a rosy view of the building situation in the country, as appears from the following article taken from its issue of December 10:

"Favorable reports continue to be received respecting building operations in all sections. During the month of November, according to official reports to 'Construction News,' permits were taken out in twenty-five of the principal cities of the country for the construction of \$28,500,000 worth of buildings, against \$21,812,500 against \$21,812,500 in the corresponding month a year ago, an increase of 1,892 buildings and \$6,687,500, or 25 per cent. The increase for November, while not quite as great as for some of the preceding months of the year, is highly creditable."

Washington Leads Decrease.

It will be observed from a glance at the accompanying table that sixteen cities show increases and only six show a falling off. The decreases are insignificant and immaterial while the gains are in some instances phenomenal. For some special reason or other the city of Memphis enjoyed an increase of 60 per cent. Remarkable gains are to be noted in Allegheny, amounting to 214 per cent. Brooklyn 167, Cleveland and Atlanta 131, Chicago 96, San Francisco 64, Cincinnati 62, Thomas 61, New York 49, Los Angeles 28, St. Paul 25, Detroit 25, Buffalo 21, Milwaukee 24, St. Louis 12, Philadelphia 7, and Pittsburgh 2. In the decrease Washington leads with a falling off of 91 per cent as compared with the corresponding month a year ago and this is followed by a decrease of 51 in Seattle, 29 in Louisville, 15 in Minneapolis, 10 in New Orleans and 2 in Indianapolis. It will be seen that these decreases are at points so widely remote from each other that they have practically no bearing upon the situation, each one being attributable to some special cause.

Bright Prospect.

From all sources of which authentic information can be gathered the prospect for continuation of activity in building of all classes is exceedingly bright. This refers not only to the cities from which these statistics come, but from the smaller cities and towns all over the country. The indications are not only that the gain will be maintained, but that the next few years will continue to show a constant growth in building operations.

Eighteen New Dwellings.

Harry Wardman, who has conducted some of the most extensive building operations in the District, within the past two years, has bought ground embracing the whole frontage of the square between W and Albany Streets on First Street northwest. It is his intention to erect therein eighteen three-story brick frame dwellings, each to contain nine rooms and bath and be heated by steam. The total cost of the improvement will be about \$100,000.

Butter Nut Bread.

There is hardly a household within the limits of the District that does not know by actual test the merits of Butter Nut Bread. The Boston Baking Company, makers of this particular brand and claim to be of superior purity and wholesomeness. They use only the highest grade of materials in its preparation and their bakery is a model of sanitary and modern perfection. The enormous sale of Butter Nut Bread best attests its merits.

City	No.	1901	Cost.	No.	1902	Cost.	Per Cent. Gain, Loss.
New York, Brooklyn	380	\$4,462,762	522	\$1,988,317	167	...	...
New York	281	\$4,411,690	181	\$5,628,294	49	...	...
Chicago	631	\$7,785,159	529	\$2,962,938	96	...	...
Pittsburgh	262	\$24,067	132	\$91,237	21	...	...
Allegheny	46	\$248,325	47	\$8,550	214	...	...
Detroit	363	\$33,509	206	\$67,360	125	...	...
Cleveland	363	\$40,285	196	\$21,565	131	...	...
Buffalo	220	\$44,280	170	\$37,754	21	...	...
Kansas City	252	\$63,825	267	\$43,270	51	...	...
Minneapolis	238	\$65,430	216	\$23,865	63	...	...
Cincinnati	289	\$70,390	291	\$54,065	121	...	...
Atlanta	187	\$42,830	266	\$63,006	57	...	...
Seattle	117	\$61,612	58	\$24,594	64	...	...
San Francisco	420	\$38,127	252	\$2,596,291	91	...	...
Louisville	122	\$27,226	99	\$73,865	50	...	...
St. Paul	236	\$290,249	61	\$37,169	54	...	...
Indianapolis	225	\$75,508	180	\$78,521	54	...	...
Memphis	257	\$69,459	202	\$107,639	900	...	...
Milwaukee	257	\$1,256,110	602	\$1,472,165	24	...	...
Philadelphia	689	\$1,394,122	649	\$1,183,614	29	...	...
Los Angeles	534	\$1,558,882	396	\$1,353,619	15	...	...
St. Louis	62	\$16,844	45	\$18,277	10	...	...
New Orleans	62	\$16,844	45	\$18,277	10	...	...
Tacoma	62	\$16,844	45	\$18,277	10	...	...
Totals	8,228	\$1,812,850	6,336	\$5,385,951	25	...	...

GAY SLEIGH BELLS AND SAD TUMBLES

Snowstorm Brings Pleasure and Trouble.

SMALL BOY JUBILANT

House Owner and the Motormen Not Grateful for the Mantle of White.

Sleigh bells are heard everywhere, and one dare not walk the sidewalk for fear of either being struck by a small boy's sled or of stepping on a hidden "sliding pond."

School children are happy, street car companies are happy, and the negro out of a job is happy; all because Washington has been buried beneath a mantle of snow ten inches deep.

Snowing Eighteen Hours.

From 11:30 o'clock Friday evening until 5:30 o'clock Saturday evening—eighteen hours—the snow fell uninterruptedly. That the downfall was only ten inches deep was due to the fine, powdery nature of the snow.

The streets were absolutely dry when the storm commenced and the snow began to lie immediately.

The Weather Bureau, now that the storm is over, predicts clear, cold weather, and the result is that the snow will in all probability remain for days, perhaps for weeks.

Consideration Shown Women Clerks.

So fiercely was the storm raging yesterday afternoon, that the chiefs of many of the divisions in the Treasury Department issued orders permitting female clerks and employees under their direction to leave office at 2:30 o'clock. This was done in order that the women might get home before dark.

This custom is followed in many of the departments in Washington during the winter months, and particularly in the Treasury Department. The snow was falling at such a rate as to warrant a presumption that the cars might be tied up, and the Treasury officials decided to allow the ladies to leave an hour earlier than usual.

The present brings to mind the blizzard of 1898, when for three days business was at a standstill. It will in all probability be many years before Washington has another such storm as that, and the residents are glad of it.

Washingtonians like snow. That is, they like its appearance. They think it beautiful. When it becomes necessary to hire a negro to clean the walk or to walk through even ten inches of snow which has not been cleaned from other walks, the average Washingtonian, at moment before admiring the "beautiful snow," usually undergoes a remarkable and sudden change of heart.

Means Work for These.

To the man out of a job, however, the snow is a godsend. Government clerks, once home after a hard day's work, are seldom willing to leave a warm room, and armed with shovel and broom, attack the snow covered sidewalk in front of their homes. Yet the sidewalk must be cleaned.

It is then the snow cleaner makes money. Long before the snow had ceased falling the "cleaners" were out in full force hunting work, and worrying servants forced to answer the door bell.

Sometimes two would strike the same house at the same time, in such cases the owner usually got his walk cleaned at his own price. The men, or more often boys, would attempt to underbid each other.

In most cases, however, certain "routes" were taken by certain cleaners. Should they meet each would traverse but one side of the street.

Horses Sharpened Up.

Hardly had the snow ceased to fall before the owners of horseflesh, grocery-men and commercial houses with goods to deliver in particular, made for the nearest blacksmith shop. Here the animals were "rough shod," thus saving many a fall.

To neglect this precaution is dangerous. This was shown by the necessity of shooting a bay mare belonging to Baker & Jones, livermen, 455 1/2 Street northwest, yesterday morning. The animal had been hired by a traveling salesman, who in turn hired a driver.

In spite of careful driving, however, the smooth shoes of the little mare slipped on the icy street and she fell at Twelfth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, breaking the right hind leg, just above the hock. A humane officer was summoned, who examined the break and declared that a cure was impossible. The animal was shot in order to relieve it of its suffering. The humane officer said it was the third horse he had shot on account of a broken leg that day.

Many pedestrians, too, have fallen, and fallen badly. Many must pick their steps carefully for the sidewalks are literally covered with "sliding ponds" made by the children.

The snow means practically no work for the bicycle policeman. They are enjoying their rest to the full.

Motormen's Troubles.

What is the policeman's gain, however, was the motorman's pain. For hours and hours he must stand on the front platform of his car, absolutely unprotected from the biting winds and snow, save by his own clothing.

His head must be held up, facing every wind, for he must watch the track ahead.

In such weather as that of yesterday,

the street car motorman certainly earns his salary.

DEALERS IN FRUITS AND CONFECTIONERY

This firm is one of the foremost of its kind in this country. As a matter of fact, it ships to every State in the Union, also to the foreign countries, having customers in Germany and Scotland. When The Times representative was in the warehouse of the firm he noticed several large crates marked Philadelphia Islands.

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Firemen Saved From Deadly Quicksands

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A hundred citizens, firemen and police reserves of Hoboken fought desperately for three hours tonight to save the lives of Peter Amerman and ten firemen, who had been engulfed while trying to rescue him from the quicksands of a swamp that lies beside the road leading north out of the city.

Amerman was driving through the blinding snowstorm toward his home, at 304 Madison Street, Hoboken, when his horse became confused, turned from the road and wandered into the swamp. In a moment horses and wagon started to sink.

Amerman in his terror screamed again and again until a passerby heard him and called out the fire department. Ten men responded on the first wagon.

When they reached the scene the horses were in the swamps so deeply that only their heads could be seen. Ladders were quickly taken from the wagon and the work of rescue began. But the storm bewildered the firemen and in a few moments the ten were foundering in the quick sands. The rescuers had been summoned by this time, and, with other fire companies, rushed to the scene.

Working in the dark, the rescuers managed to throw ropes and poles to the sinking men, and one by one they were drawn out of the swamp. Amerman was rescued from the seat of his wagon just as that vehicle sank from sight.

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